

# BCS FIRE MISSION PROCESSING

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- Basic fire mission processing~>
- Step 1: Specify target location
- Step 2: Enter fire order/mission specific data
- BCS Special Situations ~>
- Unique formats/processing actions maybe required by BCS

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## **BCS MAIN INDEX**

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Main point for entering the system

```
SYS; TNDEX; C:__;
 1:INPUT QUEUE
  2:MESSAGE SKELETONS
  3:DATA BASE
 4:FIRE PLANS
                                - OF 4
  5:SYSTEM SETUP/SUBSCRIBERS
                               _ OF 72
  6:SYSTEM WARNINGS
                               _ OF 12
  7:FIRE PLAN GROUP ENTRY
                               __/__/_ (_)
 LAST DATA BASE RECORDING
                               ____/___
 TARGET NUMBER BLOCK
 NEXT TARGET NUMBER
SELECT: ...;
```



## **MESSAGE SKELETONS**

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## Allows the operator to select a blank format

SYS;MSGSUM;C:\_;

1:FM;CHECK 10:AFU;AMMO 20:HOW;UPDATE

2:FM;CFF 11:AFU;MASK 21:HOW;AMOUP

3:FM;SUBS 12:AFU;REG 22:HOW;REQUST

4:FM;NUKE 13:BCS;MMD 23:HOW;MOVE

5:FM; INIM 14:BCS; COMD 24:HOW; OBSR

6:FM;QF 15:SPRT;BGEQM 25:ATT;AZR

7:FM;FOOMD 16:SPRT;ZNE 26:ATT;CDR

8:FM;OBCO 17:SPRT;LOC 27:ATT;SHR

9:FM;MIO 18:NNFP;CFF 28:SYS;PIM

19:MET;CM 29:SYS;RING

SELECT: ...;

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### GUNNERY DEPARTMENT =====



```
FM;CFF:_;TGT:_____;KNPT:__;CORD:__/___/___;GZ:__;RV:___;
OB:__;FST:__;DIR:__/__;DIST:___;SHIFT:_/__/_/__;
LAS:___;TYPE:___/__;DOP:__;SIZE:__/_;ATT:___;
CONT:__/__;ME:__/__;TIME:_/_;MIS:_;PRI:_;PTM:___;
ASF:__/__;SH:__/__;FZ:__/__;RDS:_;VOL:__;STR:___;
EOM:_;RAT:_;ASNFPF:_;UFFE:_/_/__/__,_/_/__
LOT:_/_;CHG:_;LOTS:_//_;CHGS:_/_;FIRINT:___;
PTF:___;SPTF:__/_/_;SHTF:_/////_/_;
HOB:___;RG:___;TOF:___;MAXORD:____;
SHEAF:____;VOLCMD:_;CSLOAD:_;RPT:_;
```

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## TIME ON TARGET

#### HOW BCS WILL COMPUTE THE TIME TO FIRE:

TOT

- <u>(TOF + 5)</u>
- **=** BCS Time to fire

\*Calculations based on BCS system time

\*\*BCS will not allow you to execute if outside 10 minutes from TOT (or after specified TOT time)

\*\*\*BCS uses countdown clock in upper display to track

\*\*\*\*BCS will xmit "fire" to GDUs at 0 (if F8 pressed x2)

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## **BALLISTIC PROCESSING**

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- Blank fields trigger selection routines
- BCS ballistic processing sequence (p. 5-4)
  - (1) Ammunition Components Selection
  - (2) Ballistic Preparation (p. 5-7 Charge Selection)
  - (3) Ballistic Solution

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## FFE PROJECTILE SELECTION

## **EXAMPLE:**

M109A3 PLT (4 guns), no registration data available

FM: PLT (2)

AFU; AMMO file

HEE 100 DETERMINE WHAT PROJECTILE

HEF 6 BCS WILL SELECT FOR FFE PHASE

HEA 100

**HER 30** 



## FFE PROJECTILE SELECTION

## **EXAMPLE:**

M109A3 PLT (4 guns), no registration data available

FM: PLT (2)

AFU; AMMO file

HEE 100 DETERMINE WHAT PROJECTILE

HEF 6 BCS WILL SELECT FOR FFE PHASE

HEA 100 Solution: HEE

HER 30 (HEF does not have sufficient quantity)



## AF PROJECTILE SELECTION

## **EXAMPLE:**

M109A3 PLT (4 guns), no registration data available

FM: PLT (2)

AFU; AMMO file

HEE 100 DETERMINE WHAT PROJECTILE

HEF 6 BCS WILL SELECT FOR AF PHASE

HEA 100

**HER 30** 

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## AF PROJECTILE SELECTION

## **EXAMPLE:**

M109A3 PLT (4 guns), no registration data available

FM: PLT (2)

AFU; AMMO file

HEE 100 DETERMINE WHAT PROJECTILE

HEF 6 BCS WILL SELECT FOR AF PHASE

HEA 100 Solution: HEA

**HER 30** 



## **CHARGE SELECTION**

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- BCS selects the smallest charge from the selected propellant type that meets the trajectory requirement.
- BCS compares the COB to COT Range to the Corrected Maximum Range for the charge.
- BCS corrects the maximum range for the charge based on non-std conditions in the database.
- If the COB to COT Range is greater than 85% of the corrected maximum range than the BCS selects the next higher charge (low angle fire).
- If necessary, the BCS will change the selected propellant type.

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## **BALLISTIC PROCESSING**

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- BALLISTIC SOLUTION ~>
  - (1) Applies MVVs from BCS; MVV if application criteria is met
  - (2) Applies corrections for all other non-standard condtions in the database (met msg, ptemp, etc.)
  - (3) Uses modified point-mass equation and other algorithims to determine Fire Commands



## **BCS MVV APPLICATION**

#### **How FDO should apply MVVs:**

- Same gun
- Same proj family
- Same prop lot
- Same charge or to other charges according to an order of preference:
  - » Down 1 chg
  - » Up 1 Chg
  - » Down 2 chgs
  - » Up 2 chgs
  - » To any other prefered chg
  - » From a prefered to a restricted chg

#### How the BCS will apply MVVs:

- Same gun
- Same proj family
- Same prop type
- Same charge or to other charges according to an order of preference:
  - > Down 1 chg
  - > Up 1 Chg
  - > Down 2 chgs
  - > Up 2 chgs
  - > Down 3 chgs
  - > Up 3 chgs

BCS will transfer a restricted chg!

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**NEVER** transfer a restricted chg!



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## SHEAF SELECTION

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- Each howitzer's individual aiming point is based on the sheaf selected
- Entries in the SIZE, ATT, PTF, and SHEAF field determine which sheaf the BCS will select
- The BCS will select a default sheaf based on PTF:
  - 1 howitzer in FFE = CONVERGED SHEAF
  - 2 howitzers in FFE = OPEN SHEAF
  - 3 or more howitzers in FFE = BCS SPCL CIRCULAR SHEAF
- EXCEPTIONS: If CPH, AML, AMS, APL, or APS is the shell to fire the BCS will always use a CONV SHEAF



## Cycle of Messages

- Fire Commands
- FM; MTO (If OBS is entered in FM;CFF)
- FM;FOCMD Messages

**Shot** 

**Splash** 

Ready

**Rounds Complete** 

Related Message Data

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## FM; MTO

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Computed by BCS if observer # entered in OBS/FST

```
______;P:_;SB:_/_/__/__;C:___;SG:__,__;DT:__,_/__/_;ID:___;A:_; U
FM;MTO;OB: TGT: ;KNPT: ;PER:23;ANGLET: 7;
ME: / ;CONT: / ;MIS:;OF: ;FPF:;CPRHD:R /7 / 5;
SHAJ: ;FZE: ;AUF: / / / / ;SHEF: / ;FZ: / ;
UNITS: ;VOL: ;

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## FM; SUBS



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- Most fields are the same as FM; CFF
- BCS will assume previously entered values for most fields unless the operator enters new data

```
FM; SUBS; TGT: AJ1234; CORD:
        / ;DIST: ;SHIFT: /
                                                ;SHFCOR: ;
DTR:
       ;SIT: ;TYPE:ARMOR /MDM
OBSN:
                                      ;DISPO:
EOM: ; RAT: ; CONT: WR / AF
                          ;ME:LOW / ;UFFES: /1/A/1 /51 ;PTM:
ASF: HEA/PDA; SH: HEF/; FZ: TIB/
                                    ; RDS: 12;
                                            ;CMD: ;SHEAF:
LOT: A/G; CHG: 5; LOTS: F/G/ / ; CHGS: 5/ ; FIRINT:
                   / / ;SHTF:
PFFE:BTRY; SHFFE: / / / / / ; REP: ; ALT: ; GTAZ: ; GTRG:
ACORD: 565065/03846654/ +390; AGZ: +14;
HOB: 0; RG: 7599; TOF: 27.7; MAXORD: 4348;
RARP: ;RATI: ;TIRPT: ;LOT2R: ;VOLCMD: ;CSLOAD: ;RPT: ;
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## BCS SPECIAL SITUATIONS



## **GFT SETTING / TGPC**

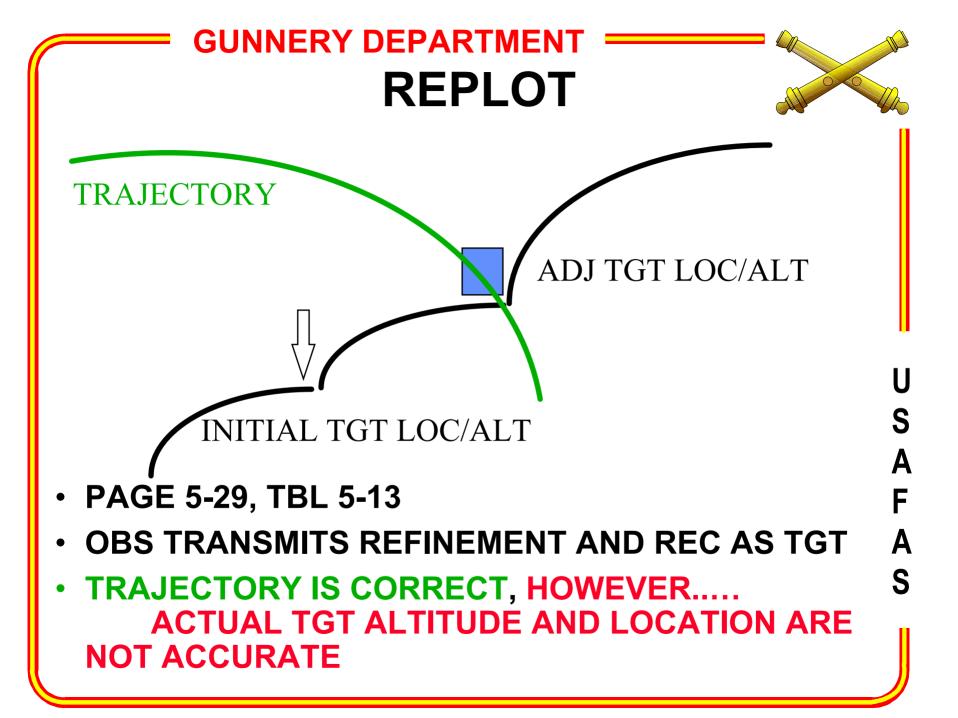
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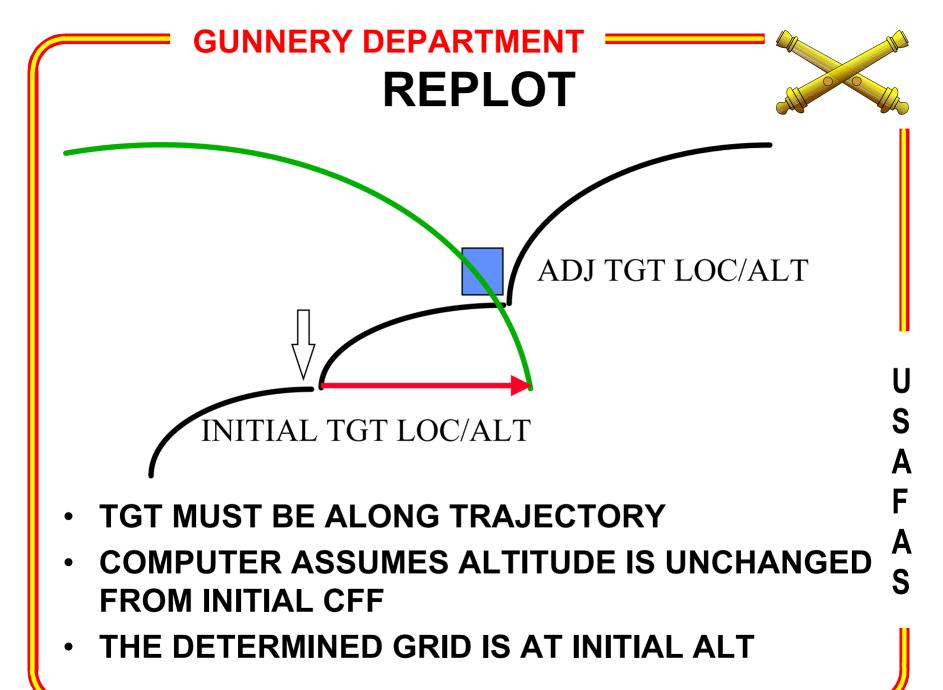
- BCS database stores non-std conditions, therefore the BCS applies non-std conditions to every fire mission
- Conduct Dry-Fire MSN using polar method of target location (with False observer at base piece location) U and use the BCS solution to construct a GFT Setting S for manual backup
- Use AOF for Direction & usually a MET Check Gage Point for range.

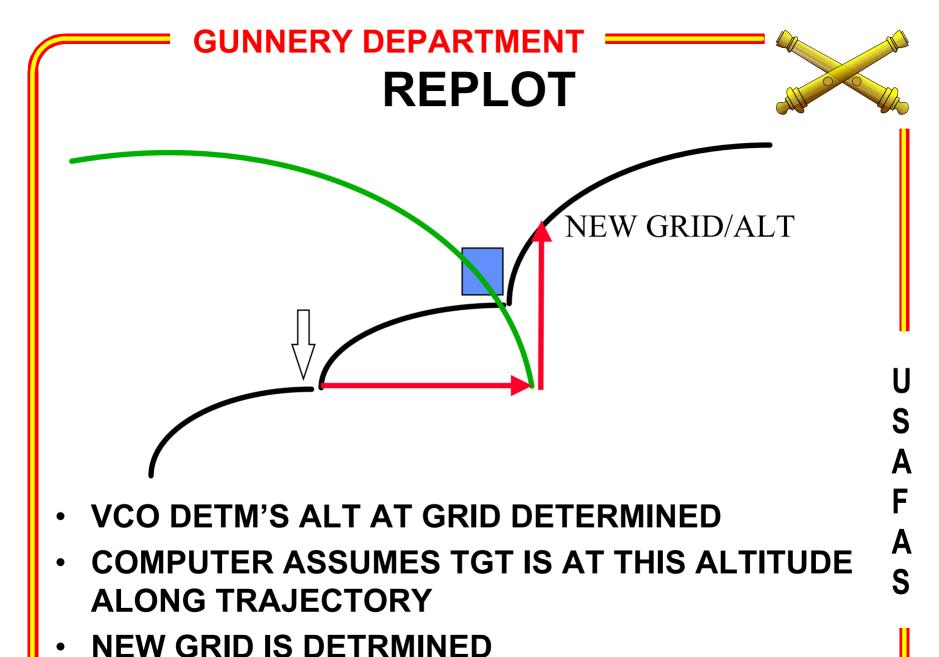


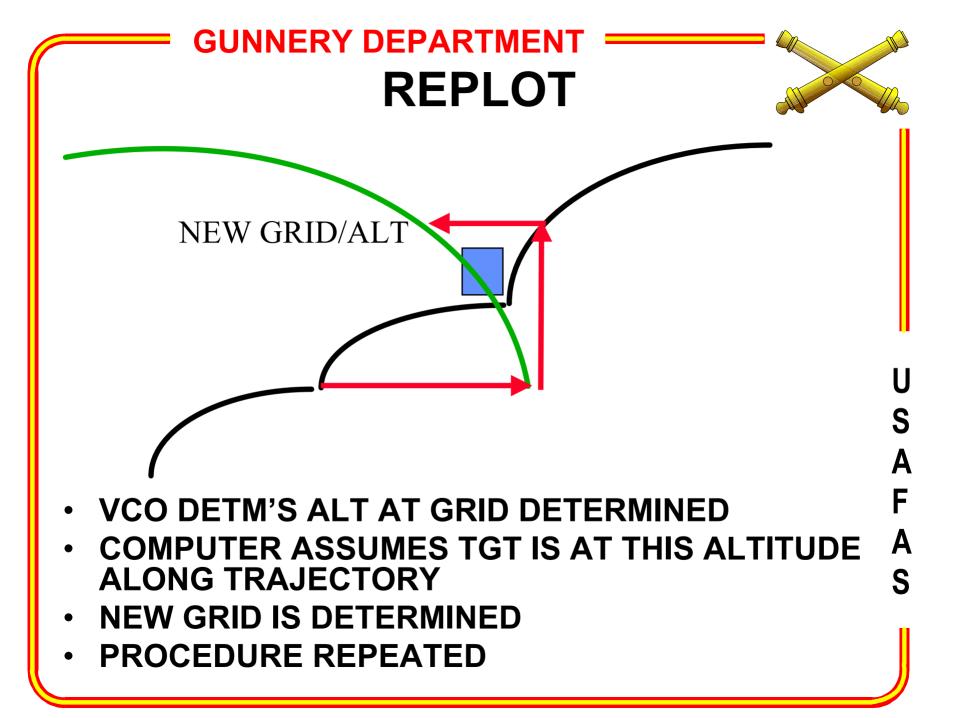
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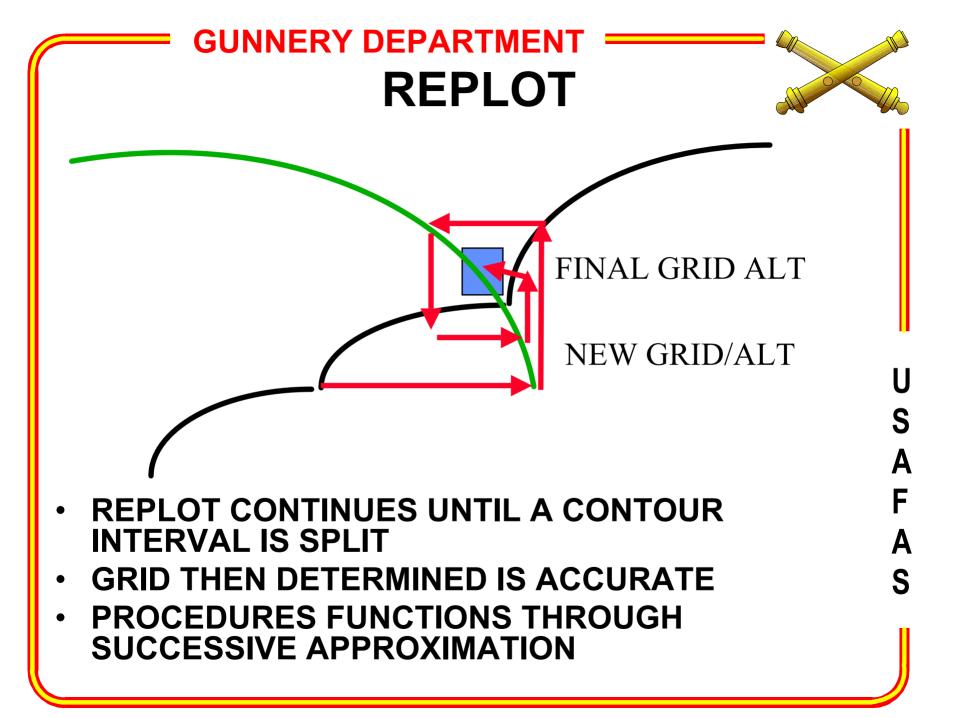
## REPLOT













## ILLUMINATION

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# FDC CONTROLLED COORDINATED ILLUMINATION

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- THE OBSERVER WILL TRANSMIT COORDINATED ILLUM TO THE FDC
- THE OBSERVER WILL TRANSMIT ILLUMINATION MARK AT THE TIME THE TARGET IS BEST ILLUMINATED

# FDC CONTROLLED COORDINATED ILLUMINATION

- THE FDC TIMES THE INTERVAL BETWEEN ACTUAL FIRING OF ROUNDS AND TRANSMISSION OF ILLUMINATION MARK
- COMPARING THIS INTERVAL TO THE HE TOF, THE FDC CONTROLS FIRING SO HE ROUNDS IMPACT AT TIME OF MAXIMUM ILLUMINATION

## COORDINATED ILLUMINATION

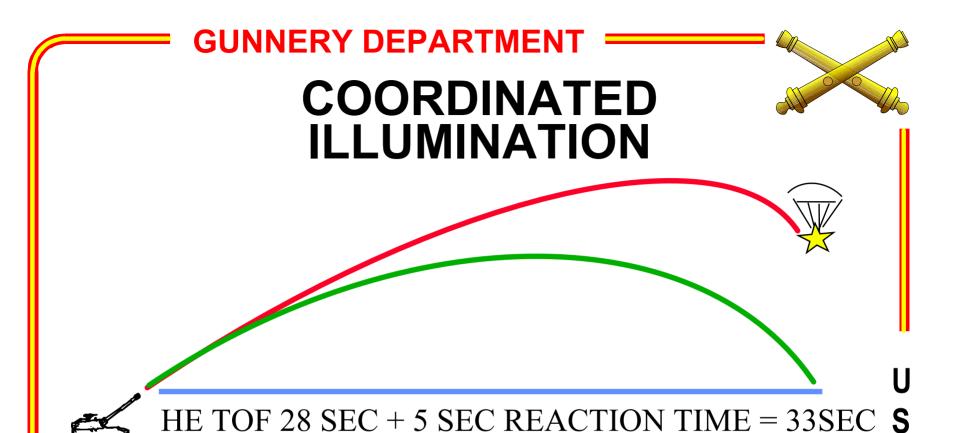






62 SECONDS FROM ILLUM SHOT TO MARK

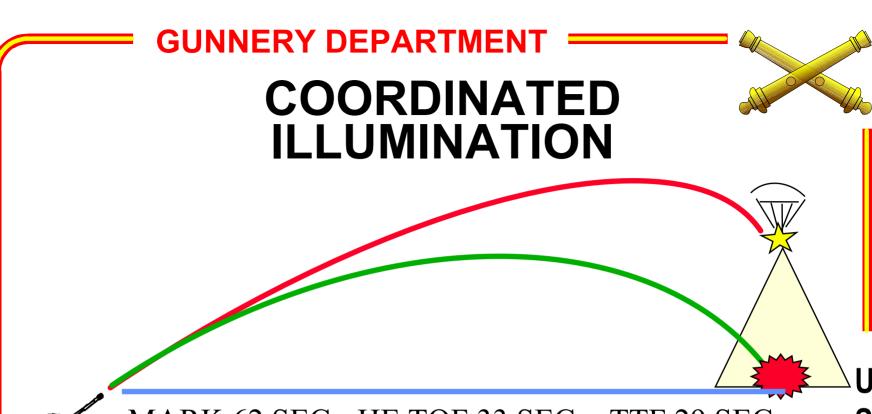
- FDC FIRES ILLUM AND STARTS TIMER
- **OBS TRANSMITS "ILLUMINATION MARK" WHEN** TGT AREA IS BEST ILLUMINATED
- TOTAL ELAPSED TIME IS MARK TIME



- OBS TRANSMITS HE CALL FOR FIRE
- FDC DETERMINES HE TIME OF FLIGHT AND ADDS 5 SEC REACTION TIME

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• FDC SUBTRACTS HE TOF + 5 SECS FROM MARK TIME TO DETERMINE TIME TO FIRE (TTF) HE





MARK 62 SEC - HE TOF 33 SEC = TTF 29 SEC

- FDC FIRES ILLUM, STARTS TIMER
- FDC FIRES HE AFTER DETERMINED AMOUNT OF TIME (TTF) HAS ELAPSED
- HE BURSTS UNDER OPTIMUM ILLUM



## **CONTINUOUS ILLUMINATION**

- FDC WILL FIRE ILLUMINATION CONTINUOUSLY (RATE OF FIRE DEPENDS UPON PROJECTILE) WHILE THE OBSERVER ADJUSTS THE HE
- THIS METHOD EXPENDS A LARGE QUANTITY OF AMMO AND IS THE <u>LEAST</u> DESIRABLE METHOD

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## LASER MISSIONS

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# SIX TYPES OF LASER MISSIONS

- STATIONARY TARGET
- PREDICTED TARGET
- DRAW TARGET
- RESECTION
- TRILATERATION
- TRIANGULATION

- STGT
- PRED
- DRAW/LAST
- RESC
- TRIL
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## TRILATERATION MISSION

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- THE <u>FIRST</u> POINT INPUT MUST BE ON THE OBSERVER'S LEFT
- TWO KNOWN POINTS MUST BE RECORDED IN THE KN PT FILE AND <u>IDENTIFIED PRIOR</u> TO PROCESSING THE MISSION
- THE BCU WILL USE THE OBSERVER-KNOWN POINT <u>DISTANCES</u> AND <u>VERTICAL ANGLES</u> TO DETERMINE THE OBSERVER'S LOCATION
- THE BCU <u>DOES NOT</u> USE THE <u>AZIMUTH</u> THE OBSERVER SENDS; THEREFORE <u>DIRECTIONAL</u> CONTROL IS NOT REQUIRED



## **TRILATERATION**

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## **TRILATERATION**

KN PT1



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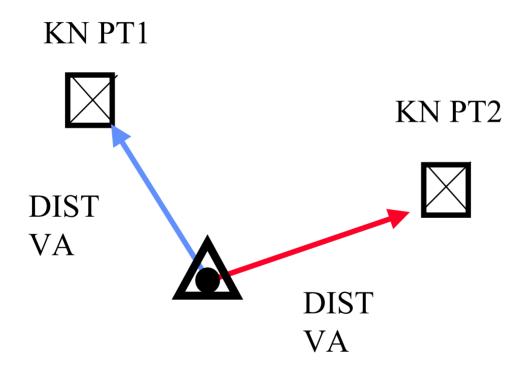


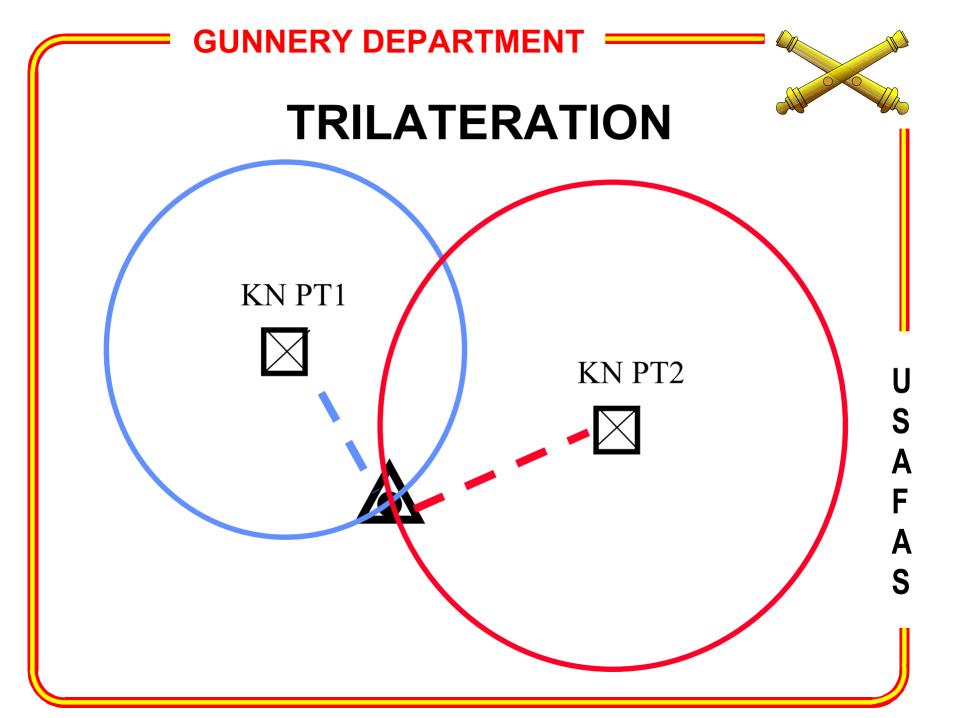
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## **TRILATERATION**

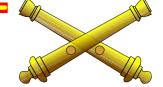






## **TRILATERATION**

- FM;OBCO AUTOMATICALLY UPDATED/STORED IN DATABASE
- FM;OBCO DISPLAYED IS TRANSMITTED TO THE OBSERVER
- SYS;PTM WITH DIRECTION TO KN PT ON LEFT DISPLAYED FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE OBS

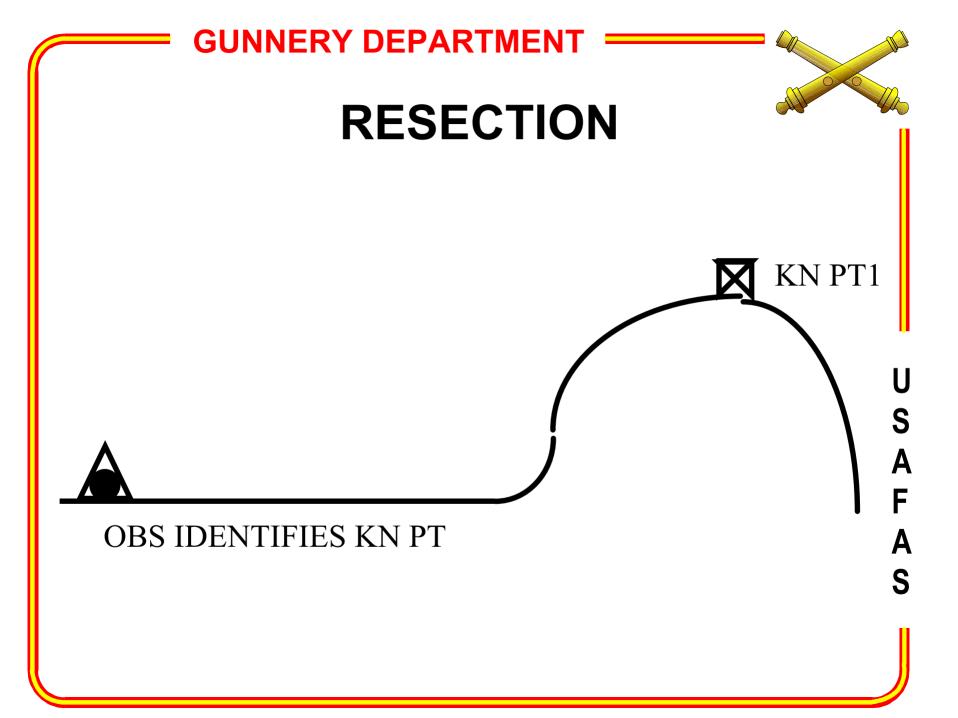


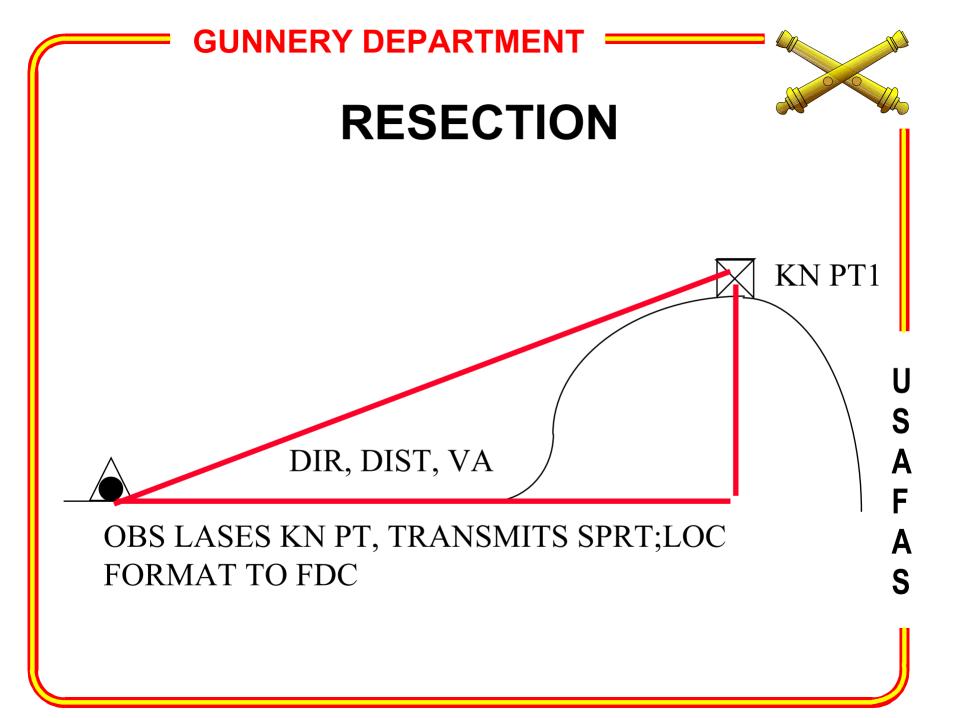
### RESECTION MISSION

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- ONE KNOWN POINT MUST BE RECORDED IN THE KN PT FILE AND IDENTIFIED <u>PRIOR</u> TO PROCESSING THE MISSION
- THE BCU WILL USE THE OBSERVER KNOWN POINT <u>DIRECTION</u>, <u>DISTANCE</u>, <u>AND VERTICAL</u> <u>ANGLE</u> TO DETERMINE THE OBSERVER'S LOCATION
- THE OBSERVER MUST HAVE DIRECTIONAL CONTROL

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## RESECTION

INVERSE DIR, DIST, VA

DIR, DIST, VA

BCS DETERMINES AND USES INVERSE DIR, DIST, AND VA TO LOCATE OBS.



## RESECTION

- BCS STORES/UPDATES FM;OBCO FOR OBSERVER
- BCS DISPLAYS FM;OBCO FOR TRANSMISSION TO OBS



## **TRIANGULATION**

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- OBS LASES KN PT ON LEFT
- OBS LASES KN PT ON RIGHT
- BCS USES DIRECTION ONLY TO DETERMINE OBS LOCATION

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## **TRIANGULATION**

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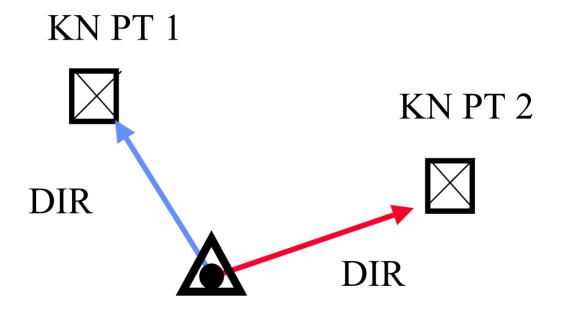


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## **TRIANGULATION**



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### TRIANGULATION

- BCS STORES /UPDATES FM;OBCO FOR OBSERVER
- BCS DISPLAYS FM;OBCO FOR TRANSMISSION TO OBSERVER
- BCS DISPLAYS 'WARNING VERIFY ALTITUDE WITH MAP SPOT'



### STGT TARGET MISSION

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- THE OBSERVER LASES THE <u>TARGET</u>, AND AN ADJUSTING ROUND IS FIRED
- THE OBSERVER THEN LASES THE <u>BURST</u> OF THE ADJUSTING ROUND
- THE BCU WILL COMPARE THE LASINGS OF THE TARGET AND THE BURST, AND DETERMINE A CORRECTION TO MOVE THE NEXT ROUND TO THE TARGET



### PREDICTED POINT

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- OBSERVER LASES A POINT WHICH THE TARGET IS EXPECTED TO MOVE
- THE MISSION IS REQUESTED AS AN <u>AMC FFE</u> MISSION
- THE OBSERVER CONTROLS THE FIRING TO ENSURE THE <u>SIMULTANEOUS</u> ARRIVAL OF THE <u>TARGET</u> AND <u>PROJECTILE</u> AT THE <u>PREDICTED</u> <u>POINT</u>



### LASER DRAW MISSION

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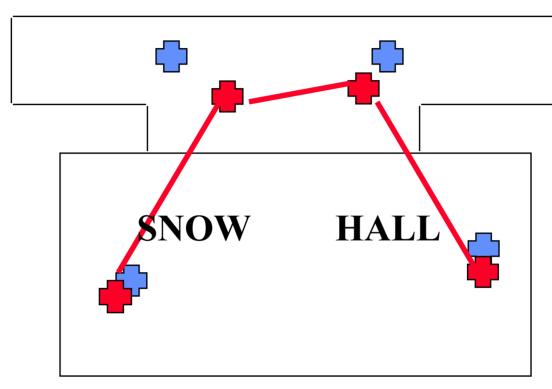
- THE OBSERVER IDENTIFIES AN IRREGULAR SHAPED TARGET BY LASING 2 TO 8 POINTS
- THE LAST POINT MUST BE IDENTIFIED WITH LAST IN THE LAS FIELD TO GENERATE FIRE COMMANDS.
- REQUIRES THE BCU TO HAVE AT LEAST 3
  GUNS IN BCS; PIECES OPERATIONAL

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### LASER DRAW MISSION

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- LASED POINTS
- HOWITZER AIMPOINTS



# BCS PRIORITY MISSIONS

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## **BCS PRIORITY MISSIONS**

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 BCS CAN STORE 2 PRIORITY MISSIONS, ONE EACH IN MISSION BUFFERS 4 OR 5.

### **BCS CAN ASSIGN EITHER:**

- ONE FPF AND ONE PRIORITY COPPERHEAD MISSION TO MISSION BUFFER 4 & 5.
- OR TWO COPPERHEAD MISSIONS TO MISSION BUFFERS 4 & 5.



## FINAL PROTECTIVE FIRE

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## **FPFs**

- All guns are layed on FPF data when not firing
- Adjusted FPF vs. Non-adjusted FPF
- FPF Sheafs
  - Wall of Steel: do not leave holes in the wall
  - Linear sheaf: length is based on burst width
  - Laser Draw: traces actual terrain
- Entered w/ FM; CFF > "X" in ASNFPF field



## M712 COPPERHEAD





- THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ROUNDS FIRED WILL NOT BE GREATER THAN <u>SIX</u> AND THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HOWITZERS ASSIGNED TO THE MISSION WILL BE <u>TWO</u>
- ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIFIC HOWITZERS TO FIRE IS BASED ON COMMUNICATION STATUS CODE IN BCS; PIECES ("C" or "W")

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## FIRING PRIORITY MISSIONS



p. 5-93 thru 5-100

- A PRIORITY MISSION CAN BE FIRED BY:
  - AN OBSERVER USING AN FM;QF (REMOTE)
    - » FPF > "X" in FPF field
    - » CPHD > "X' in FIRE and CPHD fields
  - BCU OPERATOR USING THE FPF KEY (LOCAL)

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## FIRE PLANS



## FIRE PLANS

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- FASCAM TARGET AIM POINTS CAN BE STORED IN ALL FOUR OF THE FIRE PLANS
- CAN BE INPUT LOCALLY AS INDIVIDUAL TGTS (NNFP;CFF:)
- CAN BE TRANSMITTED TO BCS AND ENTERED AS UNABLE A GROUP (MAIN INDEX, 8, RETURN)

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## FIRE PLAN SILVER

PLAN: SILVER H-HOUR: ON-CALL

TGT	Н	VOL	SH/FZ	PTF	CORD/A	LT/GZ
BC1001	<b>-7</b>	2	HE/VT	BTRY	142/513	465 +33
BC1002	-3	4	HE/VT	BTRY	144/514	465 +33
BC1006	Н	1	WP/Q	<b>BTRY</b>	139/519	430 +33
BC1108	+2	1	ICM	<b>BTRY</b>	138/524	445 +33
BC1011	+5	1	ICM	<b>BTRY</b>	137/520	430 +33

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## UPDATING/CHANGING FIRE PLANS



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- TO SET OR CHANGE H-HOUR, AND DELETE TARGETS OR FIRE PLANS USE THE BCS;COMD FORMAT
- TO FIRE A TARGET BEFORE H-HOUR, PLACE AN "X" IN FR:\_\_ FIELD OF NNFP; CFF AND EXECUTE

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## **EXECUTION of FIRE PLANS**

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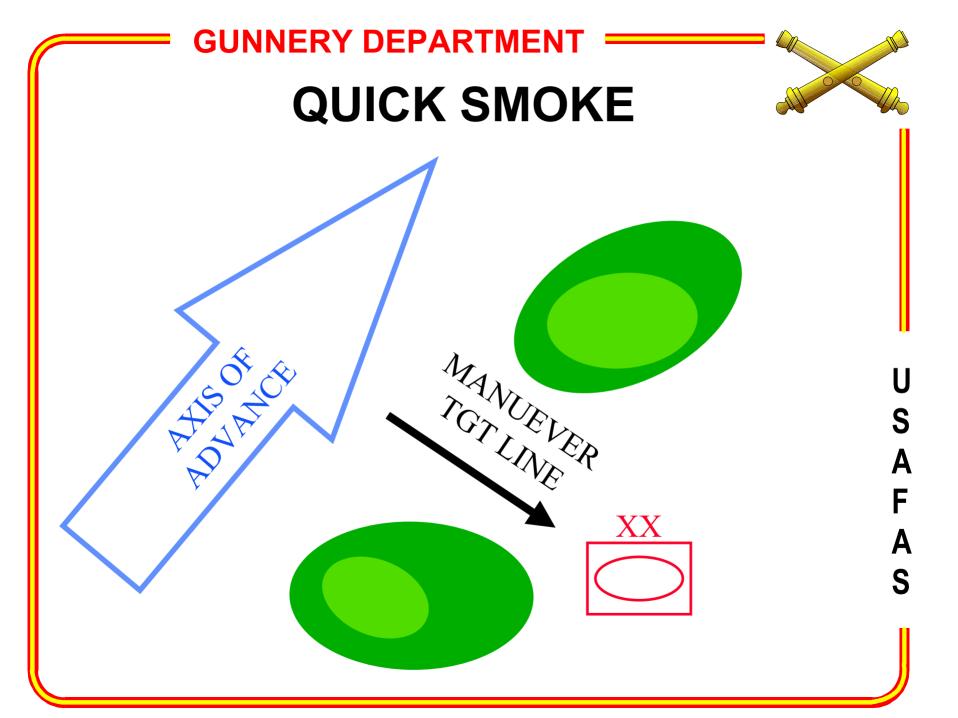
- FM;CFF:O GENERATED 10 MINUTES BEFORE TIME TO FIRE
  - TIME TO FIRE EQUALS H-HOUR PLUS H, MINUS TIME
     OF FLIGHT PLUS 5 SECOND REACTION TIME
- FM;CFF:O PLACED IN INPUT QUEUE FOR OPERATOR EXECUTION, PROCESSING, AND FIRING
- CYCLE THROUGH ALL PLANNED TARGETS IN THIS MANNER

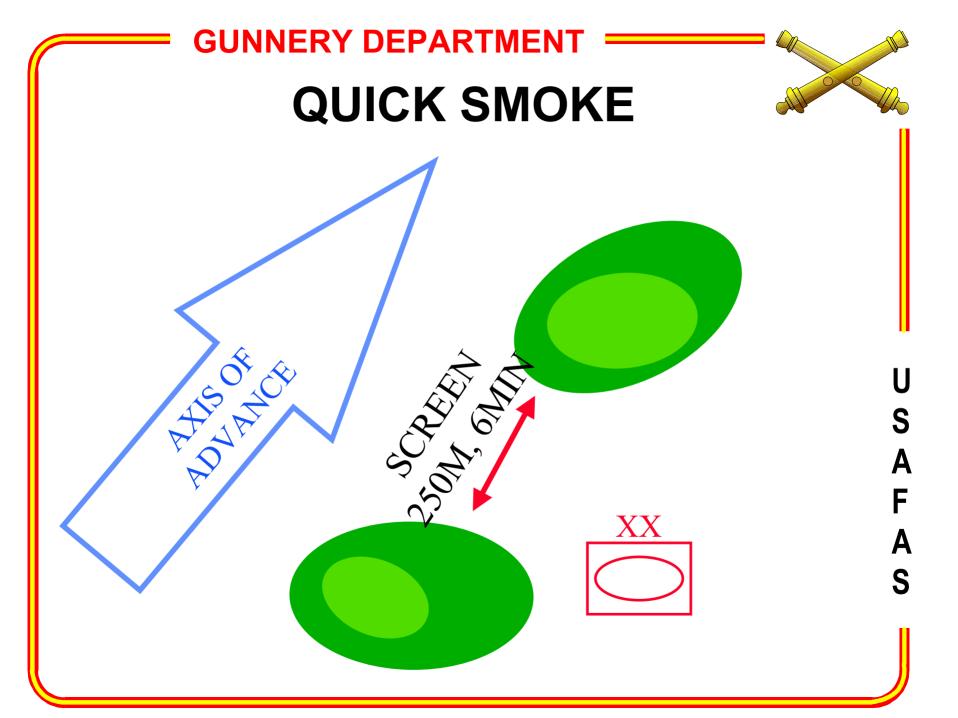
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## **QUICK SMOKE**

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## **QUICK SMOKE**

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- OBSERVER TRANSMITS CFF IN THE FORM OF LMDIRT-
  - LENGTH OF SCREEN
  - MANUEVER-TGT DIRECTION
  - DIRECTION OF WIND
  - DURATION OF SCREEN
- FDO DETERMINES FIRE ORDER
- FDC DETERMINES FIRING DATA

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## **CALL FOR FIRE**

F21 de H55 FFE <sub>K</sub>

GRID 1450 4670 EST ALT 450<sub>K</sub>

SCREEN MOVEMENT 250 M, DIR 1950,TAIL, 6MIN U

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## **FDC DETERMINES**

- RELATIVE HUMIDITY 50%
- WINDSPEED LINE 00 16 KNOTS
- LOCATION GERMANY
- CURRENT CLOUD COVER CLOUDY
- TEMPERATURE OUTSIDE WARM



## M825 SMOKE FIRE ORDER

PASQUILL CATEGORY D

SMOKE TABLE D - 9

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## FROM SMOKE TABLE

**R**1

R2

FIRE INTERVAL

4

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1.5



## NUMBER OF VOLLEYS TO FIRE

$$\frac{6}{1.5}$$
 = 4

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## WHO WILL FIRE?

LEFT	RIGHT	
PLT	PLT	
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XX	XX	<b>R</b> 1
	XX	R2
	XX	1\2
	XX	R2
		R2



## FIRE ORDER

## RIGHT PLT 4 RDS, LEFT PLT 1 RD, BRAMC, SH M825

## FIRE CONTROL INFORMATION

#### FFE

- RANGES LESS THAN 10K ADD 50M TO TGT ALT
- RANGES GREATER THAN 10K ADD 100M TO TGT ALT

#### AF

- RANGES LESS THAN 10K UP 50M PRIOR TO FIRING M825
- RANGES GREATER THAN 10K UP 100M
   PRIOR TO FIRING M825

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## **CONDUCT OF PE**

- Known data HO on page 113 of OAC phasebook
- Blank message formats on page 125
- SQUARE PAGE 128 #9.a. CHANGE PROP TEMP TO 90 DEGREES
- Highlight default values and required entries
- Answer key in back of room
- FT Sill map in back of room
- Shutdown before leaving (save DB if needed)
- You can leave when you're finished!

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